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STILL DIGGING DIRT ON SR 316 REQUIRES OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES

Lawrenceville, Ga. – Georgia DOT continues recycling dirt from State Route 316 to raise the grade of the new roads and ramps on other parts of the interchange construction project. Crews are now excavating State Route 316 at State Route 20 to lower the grade of SR 316 by 20 feet.

“Lowering State Route 316 where the new SR 20 Bridge will be built yields extra dirt. We are relocating the dirt on the project so we can recycle it and use it to raise the grade where needed. The excavation process is underway on the west side of State Route 20 then it will move to the east side of SR 20. There are tons of dirt to be moved,” explained Harold Mull, District Construction Engineer.

Overnight lane closures for relocating recycled began Sunday, March 10 and will continue nightly as weather permits. The inside or left lane of SR 316 west will be closed from 9 p.m. overnight to 6 a.m. for several more weeks.

Once the project is completed, motorists on SR 316 will access SR 20 and Collins Hill Road via ramps instead of the existing intersections and vice versa. “This project will build one interchange or exit to allow traffic from State Route 316 to access State Route 20 or to access Collins Hill Road using a system of long ramps. The existing signalized intersections at State Route 20 and at Collins Hill Road will be removed as the interchange is finished. It is similar to the system we have along I-85 from SR 120 down to Pleasant Hill Road. You get off the mainline of I-85 south at SR 120 and use the parallel roads to access the exit you need,” concluded Mull.

This \$37.4 million construction project includes 2.23 miles of new roadway and two new bridges over SR 316. The project completion date is December 31, 2014 and the contractor is GP’S Enterprises, Inc. of Auburn.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors’ workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may follow us on [Facebook](#) (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadeptrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadeptrans>).

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